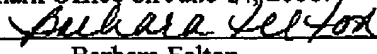


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows:

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